AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [001] with the following:

[001]   This application claims priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/451,054 filed February 28, 2003, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. Further, this application is related to U.S. Patent ~~Application~~ No. ~~_____ (Attorney Docket No. 06502.0565-00000)~~ 7,236,987 issued June 26, 2007, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING A STORAGE VIRTUALIZATION ENVIRONMENT," ~~and filed concurrently herewith,~~ U.S. Patent Application No. ~~_____ (Attorney Docket No. 06502.0568-00000)~~ 10/787,320 filed February 27, 2004, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING SNAPSHOT CAPABILITIES IN A STORAGE VIRTUALIZATION ENVIRONMENT," ~~and filed concurrently herewith,~~ U.S. Patent Application No. ~~_____ (Attorney Docket No. 06502.0570-00000)~~ 10/787,321 filed February 27, 2004, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PERFORMING QUIESCENCE IN A STORAGE VIRTUALIZATION ENVIRONMENT," ~~and filed concurrently herewith,~~ U.S. Patent Application No. ~~_____ (Attorney Docket No. 06502.0571-00000)~~ 10/787,324 filed February 27, 2004, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR CONFIGURING A STORAGE VIRTUALIZATION ENVIRONMENT," ~~and filed concurrently herewith,~~ and U.S. Patent ~~Application~~ No. ~~_____ (Attorney Docket No. 06502.0572-00000)~~ 7,290,168 issued October 30, 2007, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING A MULTI-PATH NETWORK SWITCH SYSTEM," ~~and filed concurrently herewith,~~ and all of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.